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Dedication

When the Arms Board met last fall to select the person to whom the 1945 edition would be dedicated, someone suggested Mr. Vernon D. Stiles, Principal of Russell and Hooker Schools. The suggestion met with hearty approval and he was at once chosen for the honor by a unanimous vote. It is therefore a great pleasure for the Arms to dedicate this issue to the genial, cheerful and friendly Mr. Stiles.

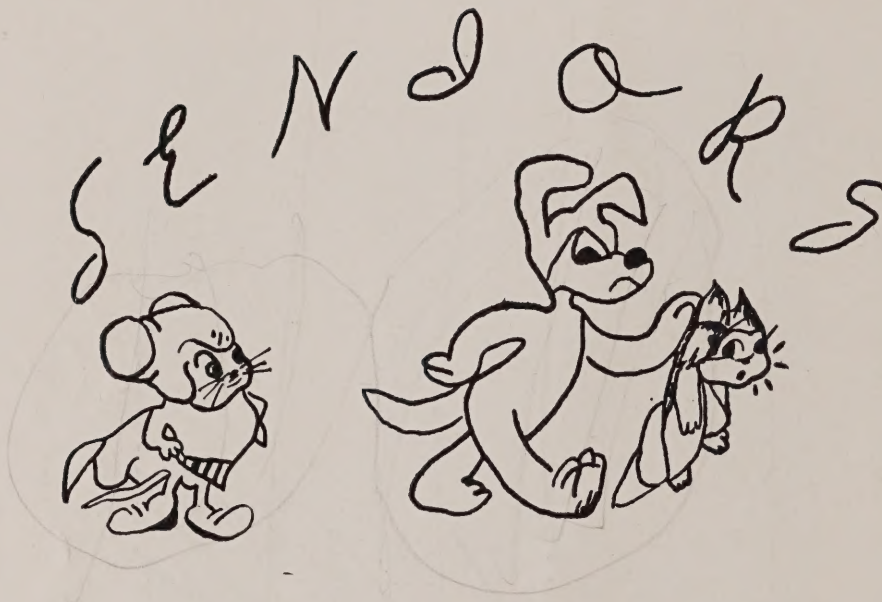
For the past twenty years he has held a very important place in the Hadley school system. During this period the majority of Hopkins students have known Mr. Stiles as principal, teacher, coach, friend, counselor and guide. By his own example of fairness, integrity, sympathy and firmness for the right, he has helped mold for good the lives of those who have been fortunate enough to have come under his helpful and stimulating influence.

Experienced schoolmen recognize in Mr. Stiles a real educator blessed with plenty of common sense, sound judgment and a thorough knowledge of what is to be expected of boys and girls of grammar and junior high school ages. The extraordinary successes of Hopkins graduates in the armed forces, college, business, farming and the trades is due in no small measure to the soundness and thoroughness of their preparation in the grade schools. A star athlete in his preparatory school and college days, he gives sports their proper place in the life of the schoolboy. Many of the boys who have helped to give Hopkins its enviable place in school boy athletics had their start under his trained and understanding eye.

It is the hope of the Arms Board that Mr. Stiles will serve Hadley and its school system for many more years, that other boys and girls can have the benefit of his buoyant, attractive personality, and of his sterling qualities which make him a gentleman admired and respected by all.



VERNON D. STILES



MOTTO

Today decides tomorrow.

FLOWER

Gardenia

COLORS

Green and White



Class Officers

PRESIDENT

William Pelissier

VICE PRESIDENT

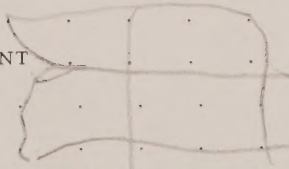
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SECRETARY

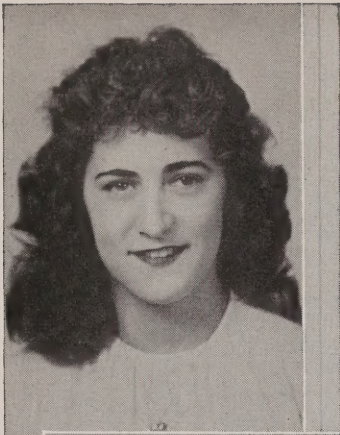
Patricia Veiner

TREASURER

Philip Yezierski



ADVISER—Mrs. Reed



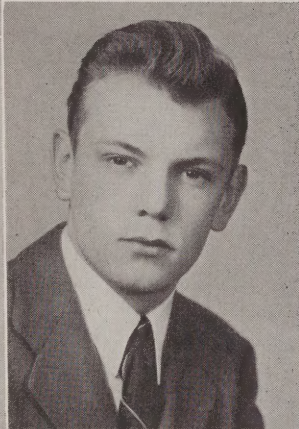
HELEN DOROTHY BAJ

Eyes—Blue

Blond locks

Girls' Choir (4); Glee Club (1, 2, 3, 4); Cheerleader (3, 4);
Basketball (1, 2, 3, 4).

"Restless as a cat's tail."



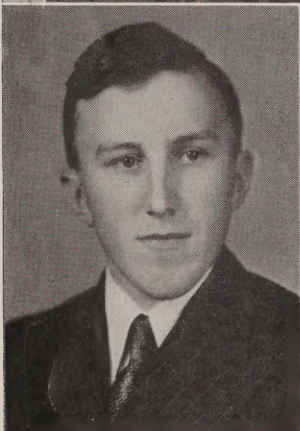
STANLEY FRANCIS BAJ

Eyes—Blue

Carefree

Basketball (3, 4); Soccer (3, 4); Baseball (4).

"His laugh is highly known."



CARL STANLEY BLAJDA

Eyes—Gray

Silent

"The strong, silent man!"



CHESTER RONALD COMINS

Eyes—Blue

Wavy hair

Senior Play; Basketball (4); Soccer (4); Baseball (2, 3, 4).

"Still water runs deep."

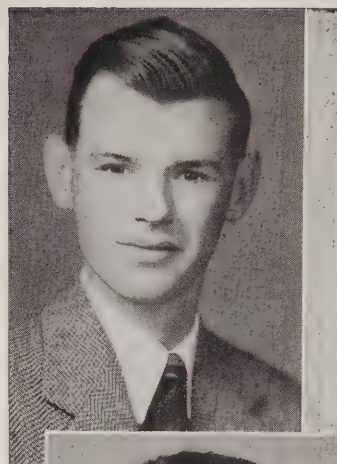
ROGER MARVIN CROMACK

Eyes—Blue

Tall center

Senior Play; Hopkins Arms Board (4); History Medal; Basketball (3, 4); Soccer (3, 4); Baseball (2, 3, 4).

"He's six feet two and carries himself like a banner."



MARION RITA KOKOSKI

Eyes—Blue

Sophisticated

Vice President (2); Debating (3, 4); National Forensic League (3, 4); Senior Play; Cheerleader (3, 4); Lane Prize Speaking (3, 4).

"She always decides things at once with a flip of the mind."



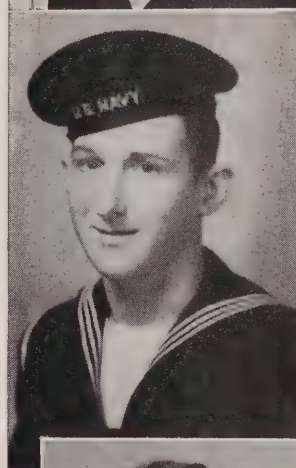
FREDERICK STANLEY KUCHARSKI

Eyes—Brown

Seabees

U. S. Navy

"Time makes its changes."



ALICE MARYANNE LIZEK

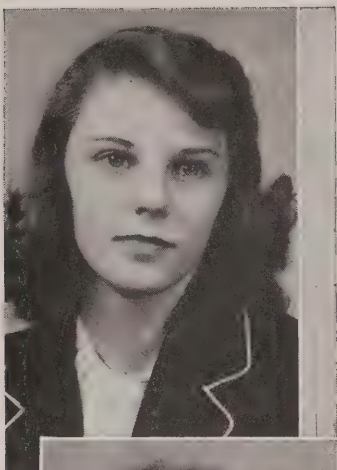
Eyes—Brown

Little

Senior Play; Glee Club (2, 3, 4).

"There is always a sparkle of humor in her eyes."





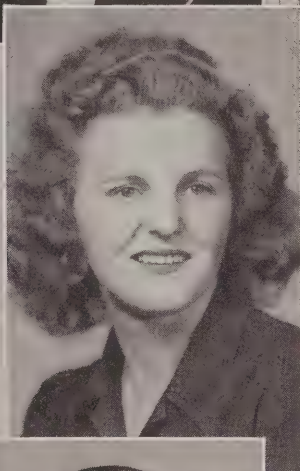
HELEN MARGARET LOGAN

Eyes—Green

Well dressed

Senior Play; Girls' Choir (4); Tennis Team (2, 3); Bowling Team (2, 3); Glee Club (1, 2, 3); Madrigal Club (3).

Springfield's donation to our class.



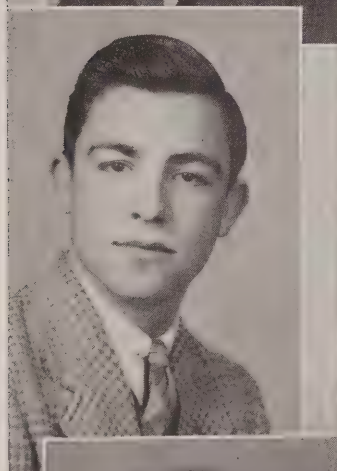
STATIA ANN MAZUR

Eyes—Gray

Active

Secretary (3); Girls' Choir (4); Cheerleader (3, 4); Glee Club (1, 2, 3, 4); Basketball (2, 3, 4), Co-Captain (3).

"Always having a time and a half."



EDWARD JOSEPH MACHNO

Eyes—Blue

Debater

Debating (3, 4); National Forensic League (3, 4); Senior Play; Glee Club (3, 4); Baseball (4).

"His smiles are contagious."



GLADYS ROSALIE MISH

Eyes—brown

Loves fun

Vice President (1); Secretary (2); Debating (3, 4); National Forensic League (3, 4); Student Council (1); Senior Play; Hopkins Arms Board (3), Editor-in-Chief (4); Girls' Choir (3); Glee Club (3).

"She is a short girl who walks tall."

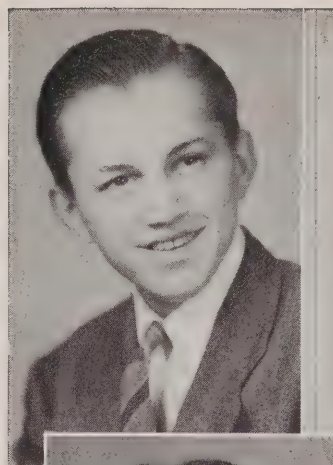
RICHARD LAMBERT MOCZULEWSKI

Eyes—Blue

Roamer

President (1); Treasurer (2); Senior Play; Soccer (3, 4); Baseball (4).

"Upright as an exclamation point."



JOSEPH STANLEY NIEDBALA

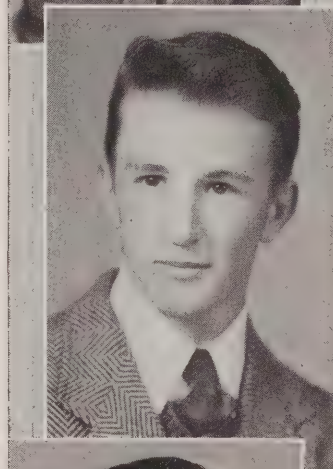
Eyes—Blue

Rugged

Senior Play; Soccer (3, 4).

U. S. Navy

He's in the Navy now!



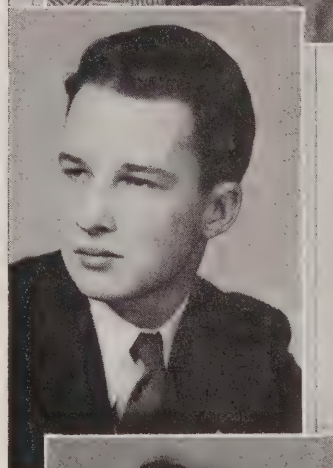
WILLIAM EDWARD PELISSIER

Eyes—Brown

C.A.P.

Class President (3, 4); Hopkins Arms Board (3, 4); Basketball Manager (4); Soccer (3, 4); Baseball (4).

Manager of all his activities.



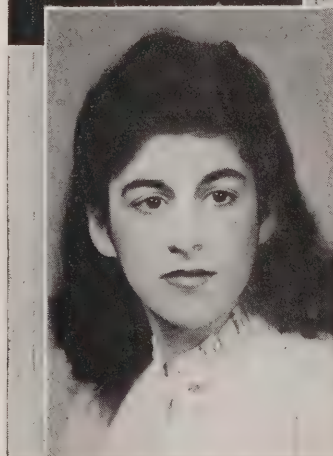
JENNIE MARY SALLE

Eyes—Brown

Serious

Glee Club (2, 3, 4).

"Eyelashes that can sweep cobwebs from anyone's heart."





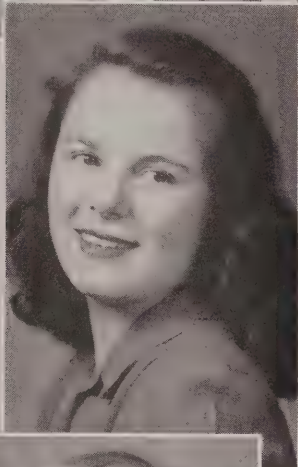
JANET MAY SMITH

Eyes—Blue

Shy

Senior Play; Hopkins Arms Board (4); Girls' Choir (4); Glee Club (2, 3, 4).

"Frail as a column of smoke."



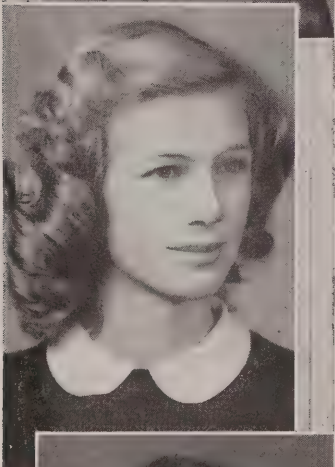
MARIE ANNA TAYLOR

Eyes—Blue

'Hamp

Glee Club (1, 2, 3, 4).

"Dimples like small whirlpools in her cheeks."



ALICE JOY UNDERWOOD

Eyes—Blue

Quiet

Vice-President (4); Senior Play; Glee Club (2, 3).

"A whispered look."



PATRICIA ANN VEINER

Eyes—Brown

D.A.R. Pilgrim

Vice-President (3); Secretary (4); Senior Play; Girls' Choir (3, 4); Glee Club (1, 2, 3, 4); D.A.R. Pilgrim; Lane Prize Speaking (4).

"A little tucked in smile."

VIRGINIA REGINA WOSCYNNA

Eyes—Blue

Happy-go-lucky

Debating (3, 4); National Forensic League (3, 4); Student Council (2); Senior Play; Hopkins Arms Board (3), Editor-in-Chief (4); Girls' Choir (3, 4); Glee Club (3); Cheerleader (3, 4); Lane Prize Speaking (3, 4).

"Her eyes are rhapsodies in blue."



PHILIP JACOB YEZIERSKI

Eyes—Green

Captain

Treasurer (3, 4); Basketball (3, 4), Captain (4); Soccer (3, 4); Baseball (3, 4).

"Leader of men and a follower of women."



HELEN KATHLEEN ZACK

Eyes—Brown

Butler's

Glee Club (1, 2, 3, 4).

Last of Lawrence Plain.



Ex '45

Gladys Baldyga	Russell Johnson
Ethel Bishop	Frances Linderman
George Bristol	Mildred Niedzwiec
Adeline Buckowski	Eugene Pelissier
Lillian Bush	Thomas Russell
Myron Cook—U. S. Navy	Micheal Sarsynski
Albina Drozdal	Jane Sessions
Edward Dudkiewicz—U. S. Army	Edward Uszynski
Rita Forbes	Fred Ward—U. S. Army
Margaret Gwozdzik	Joseph Wojnar—U. S. Maritime Service
	Mary Zuraw

South Hadley, Mass.
March 26, 1945.

Dear Class of 1945:

A glimpse of some of you at the Basketball Tournament showed me that '45 was carrying on in the same fine spirit it had when we entered Hopkins together in September 1941!

After "graduating" from Hopkins a little ahead of you, I headed west to Chicago, where I spent the year studying at Northwestern University right on the bank of Lake Michigan. The Lake could easily double for the Atlantic Ocean, except that it freezes over in winter and piles strange towers of ice on the shore. The city stretches for many miles across the flat prairie. Factories, stockyards, and huge railroad stations with transcontinental streamliners constantly arriving and departing make you realize that Chicago is the "backbone" of America.

Last June I kept on going west, and spent the summer in the middle of the Navajo Indian Reservation on the northern Arizona desert. This section is plateau country—7,000 to 9,000 feet high—so we were much cooler in Arizona than people in Massachusetts. When Navajo boys go into the Service, they usually are put into the Signal Corps. Their own language is so complicated that they don't need to learn any code. They just talk Navajo, and do they stump the (Jap) experts! You can see why I'm proud of the few sentences I learned. On the reservation I worked with some Navajo children at an Episcopal Mission. I came within a few days of meeting the Reeds on the edge of the Grand Canyon!

It is really wonderful to be back in the Connecticut valley again. I am finishing my Master's degree in French at Mount Holyoke this year. But living in South Hadley didn't keep me from cheering for Hopkins this year, and it never will!

My best wishes to all—and especially to every member of '45. I've certainly missed you. Cordially, your former adviser,

MARY MEEKER

Class of '45

It was just four years ago
That we were Freshmen, and we know
Just how frightened we were that day
With no one knowing what to say.

Standing in the big, big hall,
Clinging closely to the wall,
Never knowing when—and then!
“Hi there you, you dumb Freshmen!”

Freshman year we'd like to forget,
But in our minds its deeply set.
'Til our sophomore year had well begun
By the other classes we were run.

Sophomore year was always fun;
We never listened to anyone,
Did only things our hearts desired —
By Mr. Reed's jokes quite inspired.

Junior year was our delight —
Studying history day and night,
Missing out on all the fun
'Cause our work was never done.

Seniors we became at last,
Sighing as the days flew past,
Reading, writing, studying, too,
Working 'til the day was through.

During those four years so gay —
All had fun in many a way:
In assemblies oft we sang
In class meetings our voices rang.

Movies lured us to the gym
Where we laughed when lights were dim
Or danced at socials happily —
Those were days for you and me.

Then it came!—the senior play
Making all rehearsals gay,

Learning all our parts through strife,
Bringing "Geraldine" to life.

Graduation at last was set,
One great day we won't forget.
Up on stage we walked in stride
Getting our diplomas with pride.

And so it goes from day to day
For the years roll fast away,
And from young we grow to old
While thoughts of Hopkins we enfold.

Those four years we'll always see
In our hearts and memory
'Til from us, light slowly dims,
Taking with it cares and whims.

Awards To Be Announced At Graduation

James Robert Ryan Prizes

Boy

Girl

Emerson Prize

Alumni Prize

O'Brien Debate Prize

Brigid A. Ryan Prize

Athletic Medal

Class History

FRESHMAN YEAR 1941-42

Early in September 1941, forty-five little boys and girls entered Hopkins Academy as freshmen, eager to start our high school careers.

Class officers were elected with Dick Moczulewski as President; Gladys Mish, Vice President; Jane Sessions, Secretary; and Gene Pelissier as Treasurer. Miss Mary Meeker was our able class adviser. It was Miss Meeker's first year as a teacher after graduating from Mount Holyoke College.

1941 was a memorable year, not only because we began school as high school students, but our country had to go to war to safeguard our way of living.

On December 7, 1941, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor and on December 8, 1941, our country declared that a state of war existed between us and Japan. That same day Germany and Italy declared war on the United States. Because we were freshmen, the seriousness of it did not affect us so much as it did the older classmen and faculty. However, we soon realized that some of the boys would not be able to finish their high school work, but would be called into service.

In May at our social the class presented a play called "Mrs. O'Leary's Cow."

The class did not have too many social affairs or put on any entertainment because the Hopkins Gymnasium was undergoing repairs. An addition was made, providing for a larger stage and giving the girls a new dressing room with showers.

SOPHOMORE YEAR 1942-43

September the eighth, 1942, we entered Hopkins Academy as sophomores. An assembly was held in the gym and Mr. Reed introduced us to our new music teacher, Miss Doris Jones. After schedules and courses had been decided upon, school got under way.

About three weeks later we held a class meeting and elected our class officers. They were as follows:

President—George Bristol
Vice President—Marion Kokoski
Secretary—Gladys Mish
Treasurer—Richard Moczulewski

When Hallowe'en came we had a class party in the gym. We played games, danced, and had refreshments. The committees were as follows:

Entertainment—Gladys Mish, Patsy Veiner, and Chet Comins.

Decoration—Jane Sessions, Alice Lizek, and Alice Underwood.

Refreshment—Marion Kokoski, Virginia Woscyna, Gene Pelissier, and Roger Cromack.

Everyone had a good time.

During the year we had two especially interesting speakers. They were Mrs. Leslie R. Smith, who gave a talk on Hawaii, and Mrs. Mary Baker, R.N. who talked about personality and how to act in public. Both speakers were enjoyed by all.

At the Christmas assembly, Miss Meeker put on a pageant in which some of the sophomores took part.

One day after our winter vacation, the sophomore class decided to put on a play for an assembly. The play was called "Let's Make Up." Those who took part were: Marion Kokoski, Gene Pelissier, Roger Cromack, Virginia Woscyna, Dick Moczulewski, and Mr. and Mrs. Reed. Mr. Reed surprised everyone when he kissed Mrs. Reed, but it was really a part of the play. Bill Pelissier was the announcer.

Toward the end of our school year, the sophomores, juniors, and freshmen held a social together. The juniors presented a play called "Luncheon for Six." A Truth or Consequences show was put on by the sophomores and freshmen. Following the entertainment there was dancing with the Merry Cavaliers orchestra.

During our school year we lost two teachers. Mrs. Doyle, the household arts teacher, left Hopkins to join her husband, Dr. Bernard Doyle, lieutenant in the Army Air Corps who was then stationed in Florida. Her place was taken by Miss Laura Everson. Mr. Brown, the teacher of agriculture, resigned to take a position with the Farm Security Administration.

Although the existence of war changed many things, the teachers carried on in spite of difficulties and made school as normal as possible for us during our first two years of high school.

JUNIOR YEAR 1943-44

We were glad to start school again in September with 32 students returning. Due to the acute shortage of farm help caused by the induction of farmers into the Armed Forces, all the high school boys and girls had been unusually busy all summer helping on farms.

Our junior class officers were: William Pelissier, President; Patricia Veiner, Vice President; Philip Yezierski, Treasurer; and Statia Mazur, Secretary.

We were saddened by the loss of Miss Meeker, our class adviser, who resigned to continue her studies but we were fortunate in getting Mrs. Reed who has had a great deal of experience to continue as our class adviser.

In the fall of 1943, Mr. Hebard resigned as superintendent of the Hadley schools and Mr. Stanne was appointed as the new superintendent. Mr. Schoonmaker of Amherst taught mathematics and science for the rest of the school year.

The class held a Valentine Social in February, members of the junior class entertained the audience by singing songs, Mr. Reed showed moving pictures. Dancing followed with music by the Rhythm Kings.

We went to Mountain Park for our class picnic. After playing games, eating hot dogs, and toasting marshmallows, we went roller coasting and roller skating. Everyone had a most enjoyable time.

With students pinch hitting for farmers whenever possible our junior year went by quickly.

SENIOR YEAR 1944-45

Twenty-four students returned as seniors. We acquired a new member on the faculty, Mr. Fred Riel came to teach science and mathematics at Hopkins.

Little did we think as freshmen that the war would go on throughout the four years we were in school. Except for slight inconveniences caused by rationing and travel restrictions, we as a class did not suffer too much.

We were sorry to lose Fred Ward and Gene Pelissier who transferred to Northampton High School because their families had moved to that city, but we acquired a new member, pretty blue-eyed Helen Logan who came from Springfield.

The class officers elected for the senior year were: President, William Pelissier; Vice President, Alice Underwood; Treasurer, Philip Yezierski; and Secretary, Patty Veiner.

The latter part of September the class had a picnic on Sandy Beach. Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Riel were cooks. Mr. Reed and Mr. Riel were fire tenders. The food was delicious. Singing of favorite songs and playing games around the fire concluded a delightful evening.

In October the seniors sponsored a dance with music by Jan Robak and his orchestra. A large crowd attended.

In December a farewell party was given Fred Kucharski upon his entrance to the Navy. A full course dinner was served by our class cooks: Statia Mazur, Helen Baj, Gladys Mish, Virginia Woscyna, and Marion Kokoski. A delicious dinner it was, too. We presented Fred with an identification bracelet.

In January the play "Geraldine" was presented before a large and appreciative audience. Dancing followed the play.

Another classmate, Joseph Niedbala joined the Navy in February. He was given an identification bracelet by the class.

Fred Ward, a former member of the class, also entered the service.

For three days and two nights Boston is going to be invaded by Hopkins Academy. The seniors have reservations to stay at Hotel Lenox from May 11-13. Mrs. Reed has written to Mr. Lerche to find out if the seniors may have permission to visit the old State House. Other places they will see are: the Museum of Natural History, Boston Public Library, Public Gardens, and the Harvard Museum. It is quite definite that the boys will be found at the ballpark every afternoon. Of course everyone will have his or her share of fun riding the subways. Mr. and Mrs. Reed plan to accompany the class.

Many of the important events of our senior year have not taken place but it is with regret that we think of leaving Hopkins.



Hopkins Arms



Hopkins Arms Board

EDITORS-IN-CHIEF	Gladys Mish, Virginia Woscyna
NEWS EDITORS	Janet Smith, Dorothy Kentfield
FEATURE EDITORS	Dorothy Bemben, Betty Evans
ART EDITOR	Irene Kucharski
BUSINESS MANAGER	William Pelissier
ASSISTANT BUSINESS MANAGER	Edward Kelley
SUBSCRIPTION MANAGER	Roger Cromack

Class Officers and Advisers

The class officers elected for this year were:

SENIORS

President—William Pelissier
Vice President—Alice Underwood
Secretary—Patricia Veiner
Treasurer—Philip Yezierski
Adviser—Mrs. Reed

JUNIORS

President—Robert Wright
Vice President—Jean Russell
Secretary—Dorothy Bemben
Treasurer—Henry Zawacki
Adviser—Miss Dwyer

SOPHOMORES

President—David Callahan
Vice President—Isabell Yezierski
Secretary—Lorraine Godin
Treasurer—John Fill
Adviser—Miss Everson

FRESHMEN

President—William Sadlowski
Vice President—Louise Blajda
Secretary—Edwina Kucharski
Treasurer—Joseph Zalot
Adviser—Miss McQueston

Faculty Change

Mr. Fred Riel of Turners Falls was elected by the school committee to teach mathematics and science this year. Mr. Riel received his B.S. degree from Massachusetts State College in 1938 and did graduate work at Tufts College and Northeastern University. Before coming to Hopkins, he taught in Andover for two years and in Deerfield for four years.

Mr. Riel was a star athlete at both Turners Falls High School and at State. He played on the football, basketball, and baseball teams in both institutions and captained the college baseball nine. He also played semi-pro ball for several summers.

Senior Class Picnic

Sandy Beach was the scene of much excitement and food on September 29. The senior class and some members of the faculty had a hot dog and hamburg roast. After we ate all we could, there was singing around the campfire. The guest star, Sharline Riel, entertained us by singing two solos.

Senior Dance

On the night of October 6 the senior class sponsored a dance for the public in the gymnasium. Jan Robak's orchestra furnished the music. There were committees appointed by the class to take charge of the music and refreshments. Those appointed were: Music—Statia Mazur, Helen Baj, and Marion Kokoski; Refreshments—Marie Taylor, Jennie Salle, Patsy Veiner, and Fred Ward.

Columbus Day Assembly

In recognition of Columbus Day we held an assembly in the main room. Edward Kelley read the poem, "Sail On." We also paid tribute to three other famous men: Wendell Willkie, Alfred Smith, and Casmier Pulaski.

Junior Hallowe'en Party

Strange things were happening the night of October 27 in the gym. Can you guess what was going on? Well, the juniors were having a party and "Professor" Curtis Higgins was entertaining them with some of his magic tricks.

After the entertainment, games were played and the traditional Hallowe'en refreshments of doughnuts and cider were served.

Sophomore Hallowe'en Party

The gymnasium was attractively decorated with orange and black crepe paper streamers, black cats, witches, and owls for the sophomore Hallowe'en party, supervised by Miss Everson. Since each sophomore had invited a guest, there were many to enjoy forfeits, truth and consequences, and dancing to the radio-vic.

"The Passing of The Old West"

Howdy Everyone! Colonel Furlong paid us a visit today to give us an illustrated lecture on "The Passing of the Old West." He showed pictures of the rodeos and told us of some of the things that happen at these shows. How would some of you boys like to ride the bucking bull on which Colonel Furlong won the championship?

He ended his lecture by playing on his harmonica a few songs that he used to play around the campfire in the evening.

The seventh and eighth grades were with us to enjoy the pictures and lecture.

Thanksgiving Assembly

November 22 we enjoyed a short Thanksgiving assembly. Mr. Reed reminded us of all the things we have to be thankful for despite the war. The rest of the program consisted of a Thanksgiving poem by Frank Horton, the Governor's Proclamation by Jeanette Mateja, and appropriate hymns in which we all joined.

Junior Dancing Class

The junior class held a series of six dancing classes this fall under the supervision of Miss Dwyer. Mr. and Mrs. Matt Mooney of Northampton were the instructors, and Ruth Emery played the piano.

All students from the seventh grade through high school were invited. More than ninety attended each lesson. They learned dance floor manners and courtesies as well as the fox-trot, waltz, lindi step, and polka.

Farewell Party

The Senior class gave a farewell party for Fred Kucharski, a member of the class. Fred was leaving to join the Navy on December 18.

The class was served an excellent supper at the Household Arts Cottage. Six senior girls, assisted by Miss Everson and Mrs. Reed, cooked and served the supper. They were: Statia Mazur, Helen Baj, Gladys Mish, Virginia Woscyna, Marion Koski, and Helen Logan.

A sterling silver identification bracelet was presented to Fred by the class president, Bill Pelissier.

After the supper the class went to the gymnasium where a dancing class was being held. When the dancing class ended the class remained and danced to music played on the radio-victrola.

Safety

On December 14, movies and a lecture on safety were given by Officer McCarty of the Registry of Motor Vehicles, Division of Safety. Officer McCarty showed movies stressing the use of safety rules when driving a car and riding a bicycle. He said that fewer women than men were killed when walking along the road because women's light-colored stockings made them more visible at night. In fact, because of his many illustrations, we resolved to try always to obey the safety rules.

Christmas Assembly

Merry Christmas Everyone! We've just come from the gym where the Christmas assembly was held.

We started off by hearing "O Holy Night" sung by the Glee Club. Under the direction of Miss Jones the choir sang "Noel," "Lo! How a Rose," and "Sleep Holy Child."

Clarence Hawkes's Christmas letter was read by Lorraine Godin. Merle Kendall, Lorraine Niedbala, Isabell Yezierski, and Jeanette Mateja read about Christmas customs in other lands.

A gift committee consisting of Gladys Mish, Virginia Woscyna, Chet Comins, and Bill Pelissier presented door prizes and surprise gifts.

D.A.R. Pilgrim

Miss Patricia Veiner was chosen as the D.A.R. Good Citizen for 1945.

Every year the senior class chooses three girls who possess dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. Of the three girls who have the highest number of votes, the faculty selects one. This year Patricia Veiner is the honored student.

War Fund

All of the four classes contributed a total of \$26.00 to the War Fund.



Senior Play

The senior class play was under the direction of Miss Allen this year. The name of the play was "Geraldine." The cast was as follows: Geraldine—a young girl just entering college who has been reared by the standards of her mother's girlhood—Marion Kokoski; Lissa—a flippant sophomore who speaks first and thinks afterwards—Gladys Mish; Jiggs—a senior and president of her chapter—Patsy Veiner; Tilly—a slightly sarcastic junior—Virginia Woscyna; Bus—star athlete of the college—Roger Cromack; Nip—a sophomore full of pranks and practical jokes—Richard Moczulewski; Tuck—cut from the same cloth as Nip—Edward Machno; Mrs. Lanning—house-mother and mother confessor to members of the Alpha Beta sorority—Alice Underwood; Totsy—a loud and ill-loved college girl—Alice Lizek; Mel—a college man willing to do anything to win games and his bets—Joe Niedbala; Mrs. Montgomery—old-fashioned mother of Geraldine—Janet Smith.

The stage managers were Bill Pelissier and Philip Yezierski. Property manager was Helen Ives and prompters were Helen Logan and Carl Blajda.

Dancing followed with music by Pete Hahn's orchestra.

Farewell Gift

Joseph Niedbala enlisted in the United States Navy on January 29. At a meeting of the senior class Joe was presented with a sterling silver identification bracelet. Bill Pelissier, class president, made the presentation.

Joe, who at the present time is getting his boot training at Sampson, New York, is the third member to leave our class during this school year.

Holiday

Schools were closed February 9 because of a severe snow storm. Through the kindness of station WHYN most of us were notified before we had attempted to shovel ourselves out. It was the only "no school" day during the winter.

Infantile Paralysis Fund

Many Hopkins students assisted in the infantile paralysis campaign in January. Jeanette Korash, Jeanette Mateja, Mary Reardon, Florence Gansis, Lorraine Niedbala, Lorraine Godin, Louise Blajda, Gladys Mish, Helen Baj, Patty Veiner, Helen Zack, Janet Smith, Merle Kendall, Norma Kendall, Statia Mazur, Marion Kokoski, Josephine Konieczny, Mildred Kuzmeski, Pauline Tudryn, and Isabell Yeziarski served as collectors. In addition the school contributed \$5.65.

Christmas Boxes

The United States History class, under the direction of Miss Dwyer, purchased gifts and packed two Christmas boxes for veterans. These boxes were sent to the American Legion in Amherst. After Christmas the class received word that the boxes were sent to the U. S. Veterans Facility in Leeds, Massachusetts, and were very much appreciated by the patients.



Minstrels On Parade

On the night of February 7, the Choir and Chorus under the direction of Miss Jones put on a show called "Minstrels on Parade." The program was as follows:

"George Camp Meeting"	Opening Chorus
"Trolley Song"	Helen Baj and Statia Mazur
"My Sweetheart's The Man In The Moon"	Ed Kelley
"Always"	Lorraine Godin, Lorraine Niedbala, Patsy Veiner, Virginia Woscyna
"When You Wore a Tulip"	Frank Horton
"The Very Thought of You"	Virginia Woscyna
"How Many Hearts Have You Broken"	Dave Callahan
"Monastery Gardens"	
"Stardust"	Choir and Boys
"The World Is Waiting For The Sunrise"	
"Let's Sail To Dreamland"	Marjorie Blackmer and Jean Russell
"Don't Fence Me In"	Leo Bleasnek
"Too-Ra-Loo-Ra-Loo-Ral"	Eileen Thompson, Dotty Comins, Betty Smith
"I Had A Little Talk With The Lord"	Helen Logan
"Gee! I Wish That I Had A Girl"	Leonard Horton
"A Little On The Lonely Side"	Jean Russell and Marjorie Blackmer
"Whispering"	Bob Hahn
"Little Red School House"	Dave Callahan and Ed Kelley
"Erie Canal"	Finale

Ed Machno made an excellent interlocutor and kept things lively at all times. The peppy endmen were: Twerpo, Bob Hahn; Cornelius, Leonard Horton; Rastus, Dave Callahan; Rufus, Frank Horton; Josho, Leo Bleasnek; Sebastian, Ed Kelley.

Mrs. Roger Barstow was the pianist. After the program the "Rhythm Kings" played for dancing.

Patriotic Assembly

The assembly was opened with the singing of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" by the school. Then two plays were given, one about George Washington and the other relating to Abraham Lincoln. Edward Kelley presided and gave necessary introductory material preceding each play. The four senior boys who took part in the play "George Washington" were: Roger Cromack, Bill Pelissier, Carl Blajda, and Edward Machno. The members of the junior class who took part in the play "A Lonesome Train" were: Pauline Tudryn, Irene Kucharski, Jean Russell, Dorothy Kentfield, Leonard Horton, Vernon Thomas, Betty Evans, and Bob Hahn. Irene Kucharski and Pauline Tudryn led the assembly in saying Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and Edward Kelley read the Governor's proclamation.

Farewell Party

On the afternoon of March 9 the members of the junior class, the basketball team, and some of the teachers met in the cottage to give a farewell party to Casimier Drabek who was leaving school to enlist in the U. S. Maritime Service. The class presented him with a billfold. The students wish you luck, Casimier.

Saint Patrick's Day Assembly

On March 17, the entire student body met in the main room for a short assembly. This assembly was held to commemorate a day important to all citizens of Massachusetts for it was on this day in the year 1776 that the British evacuated Boston.

Saint Patrick was also honored at this assembly. The student body sang such well loved songs as: "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," "The Wearing of the Green," and "My Wild Irish Rose." Some of McCormick's famous Irish recordings were played. Miss Dwyer gave an interesting talk on the life of Saint Patrick.

Girls' Basketball

Our girls played two basketball games with Amherst. We lost 33-13 in Amherst, but we won the return game 35-27.

The team showed the results of the work Miss Everson did in coaching. Both the team and the school appreciated the time she spent with us. Team members were: Statia Mazur, captain; Mildred Russell, manager; Lorraine Godin, Helen Baj, Florence Dizenski, Dorothy Bemben, Louise Blajda, Cecelia Mazur, Florence Gansis, Mary McGrath, and Eleanor Banas.

Panel Discussion

Eight debating team members spoke in a panel discussion today in assembly. They were securing enough points for Forensic League memberships pins. Lorraine Godin was chairman.

A list of girls and their topics follows:

Jeannette Mateja—Events leading up to the second World War
 Jane Underwood—Lend-lease
 Mary Yusko—Rehabilitation
 Merle Kendall—Dumbarton Oaks and Yalta Conferences
 Lorraine Niedbala—Why the League of Nations Failed
 Marguerite LeDuc—Senators and the Peace
 Mildred Kuzmeski—Atlantic Charter

Girls' Choir

Pomona Grange was entertained again this year by the girls' choir. Accompanied by Miss Jones the girls sang: "Monastery Garden," "Crusaders' Hymn," "Take Me Down to the Sea," and "Spring Morning." The members of the choir are: Lorraine Niedbala, Florence Gansis, Lorraine Godin, Merle Kendall, Virginia Woscyna, Patricia Veiner, Norma Kendall, Josephine Konieczny, Mildred Kuzmeski, Cecelia Mazur, Joan Kowal, Janet Smith, Betty Smith, Eileen Thompson, Statia Mazur, Helen Baj, Helen Logan, Dorothy Comins, and Mary Reardon.



Assembly

The whole country was saddened Thursday, April 12, by the news of the sudden death of our President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Governor Tobin of Massachusetts ordered that on Friday, April 13, all schools should have programs fitting the occasion and then close for the rest of the day in respect to our late President.

The faculty of Hopkins arranged an appropriate program. Mrs. Reed read the poem, "Crossing the Bar" and "The Requiem." An editorial from the Boston *Herald* paying tribute to President Roosevelt was read by Miss Dwyer. Several passages from the Bible were read by Miss Allen. School closed at 10:30 for the rest of the day.

Our new President, Harry S. Truman, was sworn into office a few hours after Roosevelt's death. His first official duty was to proclaim Saturday a day of national mourning for Mr. Roosevelt.

President Roosevelt was a man beloved by everyone, not only in the United States but in every peace-loving nation of the world. He earnestly sought for peace and for the elevation of all mankind. His memory will live long in the hearts of the American people and his name will go down in history as one of our great men.

Servicemen

Many former Hopkins students now in the service have returned to see the old school and to tell us of their experiences. Among these visitors have been:

Edward Tolper—Marine Corps—action at Guadalcanal and Tulagi.

Warren Johnson—Army—tailgunner in B-17—33 missions over Europe—awarded the Presidential Citation, 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, and Distinguished Service Cross—now gunnery instructor at Westover Field.

Myron Muzyka—Army—bombardier, 31 missions over Europe—awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Presidential Citation.

Stanley Rodak—Navy—convoy duty—participated in Sicilian invasion—action in the Gilbert and Marshall Islands.

August and Carl Wojciechowski—Army—home at same time—August saw action in Hawaii when Pearl Harbor was attacked December 7, 1941 and in the South and Central Pacific. Carl had a six months course in radio in Trinidad—overseas duty with the Air Force.

Joseph "Dutchy" Tudryn—Army—trained at Camp Wheeler and Camp Meade—home just before advanced training.

Frank Kulas—Navy—home after boot training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station—advanced training in meteorology at Lakehurst, New Jersey.

Edward Kosior—Marine Corps—artilleryman—invasion and occupation of Marshall and Gilbert Islands—showed us interesting souvenirs.

Richard Russell—Navy—special training in radio in Michigan—advanced training in Texas—course in radar.

Edward Samolewicz—Marine Corps—action in South Pacific—now stationed in Florida.

Chester Kokoski and Stephen Kieras—Merchant Marine training at Sheepshead Bay, New York.

Matthew Grzeskiewicz—Army—basic training at Camp Blanding, Florida—European theater of war.

Fred Kucharski—Seabees—trained at Sampson, New York, and Davisville, Rhode Island.



Debating

The question for debate during the 1944-45 season was "Resolved that the legal voting age be reduced to eighteen years." The Connecticut Valley Debating Season opened with a non-decision practice tournament at Holyoke High School on November 7. Twelve Hopkins students entered the tournament and each student participated in two rounds of debate.

The League this year included the following schools: Amherst, Holyoke, Northampton, South Hadley, Westfield, and Williamsburg high schools, and Hopkins Academy. Debates were held in each of the schools three Wednesday afternoons in December and three Wednesday afternoons in January. While the decision contests were being held, other debaters from the same schools engaged in non-decision debates. This arrangement enabled a number of individuals to participate in the helpful activity. Although Hopkins won the judges' decision in only one of its contests, most of the debates were lost by a 2-1 vote of the judges. An encouraging feature of this years' debating season was the interest shown by members of the Sophomore Class, seven of whom participated in interscholastic debating contests.

The following students took part in interscholastic debates this year: Gladys Mish, Virginia Woscyna, Marion Kokoski, Edward Machno, Fredrick Ward, Edward Kelley, Louise Cowles, Lorraine Godin, Lorraine Niedbala, Merle Kendall, Josephine Konieczny, Mildred Kuzmeski, Jeannette Mateja, and Mary Yusko.

Lane Prize Speaking

At the time the Hopkins Arms goes to press, the following speakers are rehearsing their selections for the annual Lane Contest which will take place on May 16:

Virginia Woscyna	"Tommy's Girl"
Marion Kokoski	"He Went For A Soldier" "Conversion"
Jeanette Mateja	"Fuzz Young"
Eileen Thompson	"The Highwayman"
Patricia Veiner	"In Loco Parentis"
Edward Kelley	"The Awful Fate of Melpomenus"
Edward Machno	"The Tell-Tale Heart"
David Callahan	"The Arm at Gravelotte"
Roger Cromack	"Gunga Din"
Frank Kieras	"Boots"



Athletics

The graduation in June 1944 gave diplomas to many splendid athletes who had made the 1943-1944 year one of Hopkins' best on soccer pitch, basketball court and baseball diamond. Our soccer eleven of 1943 was strong in all departments of play. The 1944 basketball team won the Hampshire League championship. The 1944 baseball nine played excellent ball. The boys who graduated last June and who helped Hopkins to eleven victories in twelve games during the year with teams from the city of Northampton were: Arthur Barstow, soccer and baseball; Joseph Cichacki, soccer, basketball; Chester Kokoski, soccer and baseball; John Koloski, soccer and basketball; Karl Konieczny, baseball; Robert Martin, soccer, basketball and baseball; Edwin Rudzenski, soccer and baseball; Joseph Tudryn, soccer, basketball and baseball; Henry Walas, baseball; Bernett Waskiewicz, manager of basketball and baseball; Jerome Yezierski, soccer and baseball. Among the above athletes are a number who will always be rated as exceptional performers. With so many of the leading athletes missing for the first soccer call, prospects would not have looked at all promising except for the reason that this condition is not unusual. It is customary for schools each fall to lament the loss by graduation of many stellar athletes. What everybody knows, however, is that boys grow much in a year and frequently, to the surprise of coaches, there are a goodly number of boys ready for varsity work.

Soccer

It was evident at the start of the season that Hopkins would be well represented on the soccer pitch. While no championship club was to be expected, it was clear that Hopkins would do well. The front line was made up of Phil Yezierski at center, John Bak and Robert Wright at the inside positions and Fred Ward and Henry Zawacki on the wings with David Callahan, and Richard Moczulewski ready to fill in on offense or defense. Phil was a speedy, aggressive center. He led the line well. John and Bob developed into clever forwards, while Henry and Fred looked after the

wings. Dave and Dick saw much service and played well at whatever position placed. Coach Stanne always makes sure of strong players in the half back positions. In Roger Cromack, Stanley Bak and Vernon Thomas, Hopkins had backs who made much trouble for opponent forwards. Each boy had plenty of what it takes to be a good back. The two fullbacks, Bill Pelissier and Harry Russell, are two reasons why only seven goals were scored against us during the season. They were sure booters and could find a Hopkins forward for long well-placed drives. Chet Comins showed a grand spirit by taking over the position of goalie. Joe Niedbala filled in at a back position or in the line and played better and better as he gained confidence. We did not win the league championship but we did give the league champions, Smith Academy, two closely contested games. John Jakobek, Hopkins '36, coached the Hatfield eleven to its second straight pennant. On our own field we played a 1 to 1 game with our ancient rivals. On their field they were a slightly better team and won 2 to 0. It was a pleasant, enjoyable season, featured by the steady improvement of our club and by the excellent competitive spirit displayed at all times by the boys wearing the Hopkins colors.

THE RECORD

Hopkins 2, Smith's School 1

Hopkins 1, Smith Academy 1

Hopkins 1, Easthampton 2

Hopkins 0, Smith's School 0

Hopkins 2, Easthampton 1

Hopkins 0, Smith Academy 2



Basketball

The first call for basketball was made in the last week of October. Coach Stanne was greeted by only four of last year's first team squad. Captain Phil Yeziarski, Roger Cromack, Stan Baj and Casimier Drabek were ready and eager to go. Up from the 1944 second five were Vernon Thomas, Chet Comins, John Bak and Henry Zawacki. Harry Russell, a big freshman who had starred with Russell school last year also appeared promising. It was apparent from the start of the season that Hopkins would, as usual, be represented by a good team. A championship club could scarcely be expected, for while there were a number of boys ready for varsity work, only four lads knew first team experience. The boys and coach worked hard through November and were ready for the first game of the season December 8 when a strong Orange five defeated us here 29 to 23.

December 19 Hopkins met a veteran Northampton high school team in our gymnasium and lost in a hard fought contest 35 to 33. That game let the schools in the Hampshire League know that Hopkins, 1944 champions, must be reckoned with this winter. Orange was too much for us on its own floor. A few days later we won our first game of the season by defeating Commerce High School of Springfield on its floor 34 to 12. The opening of the Hampshire League season was January 6. We went to Smith's School. We were in excellent condition and won a well-played game 30 to 23.

The League race was one of the best in the league's history. We went along nicely winning from South Hadley, Amherst, and South Deerfield. With four straight victories the loyal fans and the students began to think of another league pennant. We were met by our old rivals Smith Academy, which after a slow start was beginning to look like a real contender for first place honors. The Hatfield boys played excellent ball to defeat us 28 to 18. After a trip to Athol, where we had little trouble in defeating the high school of that town 39 to 22, we informed the league we were still in the fray by winning from Smith's School 43 to 33, from Amherst 22 to 19 and from South Hadley 35 to 28.

The deciding week of the league found us one game ahead of Smith Academy. We met that small but scrappy Deerfield team on its court. It was a hard fought game with the home team winning 19 to 17. As Smith Academy won its game that evening the league race was a tie between Hopkins and Smith Academy with the deciding game scheduled for the Friday evening of that week to be played at Smith Academy. This was a real battle all the way with the game to be decided by the blowing of the whistle. The lead changed sides repeatedly but the final whistle caught us behind by one point 20 to 19. That decided the Hampshire League and we were quick to congratulate John Jakobek, Hopkins '36, and his inspired team. Hopkins had given its best and had played good ball at all times. Smith Academy was a bit better and deserved the pennant.

Tournament

Our championship team of 1944 drew for us an invitation to the 18th annual Small High School Basketball Tournament. On Wednesday evening, March 7, we met Athol high school in the opening game of the tourney. Hopkins displayed a fine brand of the indoor sport and although Athol did well, we were in excellent form and won 46 to 27. On Thursday evening we won from a good, sturdy Ludlow team in the semi-finals. Again we were in top form and won 35 to 24. This brought us into the finals which was played Saturday night with our Hampshire League friends, South Hadley High School as our opponents. South Hadley, coached by Tom Landers, had started the season with six straight victories. Then it went into a slump. It recovered and closed the season in a blaze of glory. It won from St. Joseph of Pittsfield in its first tournament game. It entered the semi-finals against the battling team from Turners Falls and won the game. In its game with us the boys from South Hadley reached what many veterans of the tourney called, an all-time high. It was sensational, and while Hopkins played grand ball throughout, especially in the last half when it made a fighting finish, it was a South Hadley night. So brilliant and so close to perfection was the play of South Hadley during the game and especially in the first half that few high school clubs could possibly have stopped them.



With baseball in the air we can look back upon a successful basketball season. Coach Stanne and the players worked hard for many weeks. Hopkins looked good in every game and brought much credit to the school by its season's work. It was loyally supported all season by fans and students. Never once during the games lost to Smith Academy and South Hadley did our cheering section give up hope but stayed loyally behind the boys until the final gun. Captain Phil Yezierski proved a courageous and never-say-quits leader. He was in the minds of many basketball fans, the best all-round player in the league. Casimier Drabek teamed up with Capt. Yezierski in the back court to make one of the best pair of guards in the valley. "Charlie" and Phil would seemingly come out of nowhere to intercept the ball and to dash up the court at full speed much to the astonishment of their opponents. "Charlie" possesses a great eye for the hoop and in some games his shooting was sensational. Big Rog Cromack was the mainstay of the team, getting the ball off both backboards, making many assists to his mates and doing his share of the scoring as well. He deserves much credit for the team's splendid season. Stanley Baj was slated for a regular forward berth when early in the season he suffered a badly sprained ankle. He never fully recovered from the injury during the season. His loss hurt the club's pennant's chances.

Vernon Thomas and Harry Russell became the starting forwards. While ready for varsity play, it was the first season for both on the varsity. They developed rapidly and both gave good accounts of themselves. John Bak, Chet Comins and Henry Zawacki were sent in to the game a number of times and always did well. No member of the squad showed a better spirit than did Chet, who practiced faithfully and was always ready to help in any capacity. Hopkins students and Hadley fans are grateful to Coach Stanne and the squad for many exciting and enjoyable contests.

THE RECORD

Hopkins 23, Orange 29	Hopkins 34, Commerce 12
Hopkins 33, Northampton 35	Hopkins 31, Northampton 49
Hopkins 17, Orange 37	Hopkins 39, Athol 22
Hopkins 34, St. Michael's 37	

HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE

Hopkins 30, Smith's School 23	Hopkins 43, Smith's School 33
Hopkins 48, South Hadley 24	Hopkins 35, South Hadley 28
Hopkins 23, Amherst 21	Hopkins 22, Amherst 19
Hopkins 37, Deerfield 20	Hopkins 18, Deerfield 20
Hopkins 18, Smith Academy 28	Hopkins 19, Smith Academy 20

TOURNAMENT

Hopkins 46, Athol 27
Hopkins 35, Ludlow 24
Hopkins 30, South Hadley 39

Baseball

We played eleven games in the spring of 1944, winning seven and losing four. We won from Northampton twice, 6 to 3 and 6 to 2. We also won both games from Smith Academy, 7 to 4 and 14 to 3. Amherst, league champions, defeated us twice, 3 to 0 and 7 to 3. We broke even with Smith's School, winning 21 to 2 and losing 2 to 0. We also won from and lost to Easthampton. Our victory was by a score of 10 to 8, and our loss was 9 to 4. We played Deerfield high school one game. We were in the winning column in that engagement 12 to 3.

It was a fine season. Coach Vernon Stiles and the boys had a grand time. Mr. Stiles had the boys playing heads-up ball at all times. Our victories were the result of excellent all-round play. In our defeats we looked good. Keedy, Amherst's star twirler proved to have plenty of stuff on the ball and was backed by a typical George Williams' nine—good in all departments of play. Bruscoe, Smith's School pitcher, performed like a college boxman the afternoon he shut us out and received strong support.

Much of the success in baseball for the past three years can be credited to the masterful work of pitcher Bob Martin and the spirit and team play of his mates. In Eddie Rudzenski Bob had a catcher who could throw that ball around the bases and who also could hit when hits were needed. At first was Gene Pelissier, an excellent fielder and a timely hitter. Chet Kokoski covered second, ran bases with so much speed as to upset good catchers, and hit well. At short stop was that peppy and aggressive Joe Tudryn. He was our spark plug and never could be discouraged. Casimier Drabek developed into a good guardian of the hot corner. He has a strong throwing arm and in some games led with the willow. Chet Comins, one of our best hitters, took care of left field.

Rog Cromack was also a good fly chaser and improved in each game with the stick. Art Barstow, Steve Kieras and Herman Yezierski helped out in the outer garden. Herman also worked behind the bat some, Henry Walas, one of our heaviest hitters, covered right field well and Phil Yezierski, who went out for the team late, showed at once that he is a natural outfielder. Congratulations are due Coach Stiles and the boys for a most successful and enjoyable season.

As this issue of the Arms is going to press we are just getting underway for the 1945 baseball season. Where are the lads who made 1944 a grand season? Eddie Rudzenski is in the U. S. Navy. Bob Martin, Chet Kokoski, Casimier Drabek and Steve Kieras are in the Merchant Marine. Joe Tudryn, Herman Yezierski and Manager Bennett Waskiewicz are in the infantry. Joe is in Germany. So is Herman who already has the Purple Heart Medal. Arthur Barstow is a cadet in the Air Force. Eugene Pelissier is a senior at Northampton high school, as his father and sisters moved to that city last summer. We shall miss Eugene's able fielding around the first sack, his solid hitting and his cheerful, up-and-up spirit.

Mr. Fred Riel of the faculty is to coach baseball. A great athlete in high school and college, with semi-pro playing and several years as high school coach, he will bring out a lot of good baseball from our squad of inexperienced players. In the few practice sessions at the time of this writing Mr. Riel has expressed himself as pleased with the material. He has already a good looking team on defense and some good hitters. He states that a dozen or so of the boys are ready for varsity work, and that if a pitcher can be found we will win some games and have some fun. He is experimenting with a freshman nine to get them ready for varsity playing in a year or two.



Hail! Hopkins, Hail!

Close by the woods a hamlet grew,
Under her care Young Hopkins drew
The children of the vale.
Along the trail the red man prowled,
Across the fields the gray wolf howled,
Yet Hopkins did not fail.

Chorus

Hail to dear old Hopkins, alma mater grand.
Hail! Hopkins, Hail! Ever may she stand.
Hail to dear old Hopkins, sons and daughters true.
Hail! Hopkins, Hail! Our praise we give to you.

Out of the South her pupils came,
Far from the North her honored name
Brought sons and daughters fair.
Faithful to her, to duty true,
Under her wings they lived and grew,
And thrived beneath her care.

Come North, come South, come East, come West,
All ye who love old Hopkins best,
And let us here join hands.
For there's no spot in beauty's realms
So fair as 'neath Old Hadley's elms
Where our dear Hopkins stands.

Hail! Hopkins, Hail!

Fifty years ago Hadley's famous blind naturalist, author and poet, Clarence Hawkes, wrote "Hail! Hopkins, Hail!" It has become our Alma Mater song. Hopkins students and Hadley folks of all ages during these two score and ten years have learned to love this song. At the Small High School Tournament the singing of "Hail! Hopkins, Hail!" always strikes a responsive chord in all the listeners. No school song is more respected. Down through the years coming generations will receive the same thrill, reverence and loyalty-urge which we Hopkins students, alumni and friends feel every time we sing it. Many schoolmen have called it a masterpiece in Alma Mater songs. We are greatly indebted to Dr. Hawkes for this grand song, and are pleased that we have the privilege of honoring him on its golden anniversary.

Hail! Hopkins, Hail!

Words by Clarence Hawkes

Music by Charmbury

The musical score is written for piano and features a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of four systems of staves. The first system includes a dynamic marking of *mf* (mezzo-forte). The second system is marked **CHORUS—faster**. The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and bar lines, with some notes beamed together in the chorus section.

Rearranged 1909

Hadley's River and Mountains

The Connecticut River, which bounds Hadley on three sides, is very beautiful in the spring and summer. In the spring it usually overflows its banks as a result of the snow and rain up north but it very seldom does much damage. In the summer, the beaches are sandy and make lovely places for camping and swimming. From the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Bridge, which crosses the Connecticut River and joins Hadley and Northampton, a beautiful view of the river and Mount Holyoke can be seen.

The mountains are especially lovely when the leaves begin to come out and again in the early summer when the dog wood and laurel and other trees and shrubs are in bloom. However the best time for hiking is in the fall, when the leaves of the different trees turn to their golden, red, yellow, and other beautiful colors. From my home I can see Mount Tom, Mount Holyoke, Mount Lincoln, Mount Warner and the Berkshires to the northwest; I never tire of looking at them with their many changing colors.

Jane Underwood '47

The Seasons of God

Our Lord has four pet seasons,
I know them one and all.
There's Winter, Spring and Summer,
And then of course there's Fall.

There is no special season
That I would call the best;
I really like the Summer,
But then, I love the rest.

In Wintertime the earth is white,
Snow sparkles and it gleams,
But then it slowly disappears
When hit by warm sunbeams.

Then Spring begins to come our way
With beauty from above,
For that's the time of year, my friends,
When everyone's in love.

And then the Summer comes around
When trees and flowers bloom —
While lovers now walk hand in hand
Beneath the summer moon.

When the long nights are feeling cool,
And leaves begin to fall,
I stop and think, then realize —
'No season's best of all.'

Robert Wright Ex-'46

A Vote For The Country

As I sit here pondering over my English assignment, the hush of the night seems to creep upon me. All is still except for the chirp of the cricket. Occasionally a faint stir among the trees breaks through the stillness of the night.

My thoughts wander back through the years to the nights in the city. In my home on the border of Forest Park I am unable to concentrate on my assignment because of all the confusion in the neighborhood. A piano concerto vibrates throughout the neighborhood. The harsh voice of a woman rises above the hum of a car motor in a complaining tone. A radio blares out the nine o'clock news. Disgusted, I wearily go to bed; my assignment lies unfinished. Finally my mind relaxes. Sleep comes over me. I awaken with a start! A peacock screams. Lions roar. Monkeys chatter. Finally—stillness again.

My thoughts return to the present. A car passes by, but within a few seconds, all is quiet again. There is no noisy piano, no blaring radio, no harsh voice. Occasionally a cat meows but it disturbs no one. Soon I will sleep. No alarming noises will waken me for I am here in the country now, the quiet country. The noises of the city are in the past. Peacefulness reigns.

Helen Logan '45

A Walk in North Hadley Village

As we walk along the main street of North Hadley on a typical Sunday afternoon in April, we hear the laughter of young children busily engaged in a game of marbles. They are just as happy as the few spring birds fluttering around. On the common two or three of the older boys are playing catch. From every porch we pass, we are greeted with a cheery "Hello!" from the older folks who are just as glad as the youngsters to be outdoors. As we stroll along, we pass the schoolhouse standing proudly behind the elms. Shall we call this the starting line of our town's heroes who are fighting all over this globe? On the other side of the schoolhouse the older boys—or I might say, what is left of them—are playing baseball. When the game is over, they are sure to launch upon a real analysis of every subject they can possibly think of. One question still unsolved is, "Will North Hadley have a baseball club this year?" Well, I suppose the draft board will answer that. We have now wandered up as far as the church whose weathercock, we are glad to see, promises a fine day for tomorrow.

Robert Hahn '46

The Three Cent Joy

It may be a month ago or a year ago he left, or he may be a Pre-Pearl Harbor boy. He may be a gunner on a plane, a sailor on a ship, a fighting infantry man, or a new recruit whose arm is still sore from inoculation. He may be still in the states or his mail may be taking a boat ride to the Pacific or to the European Theater. No matter whether he has wings or stripes or anchors, whether he's tall or short or fat, your sweetheart, brother or husband, he is still looking for a letter when mail time rolls around.

When a boy is far away from home he imagines the folks back home eating Sunday dinner as happy as always without even missing him, or he can imagine that no one cares while he is gone and that no one is fighting this war except the boys in uniform. Yet for every lonesome serviceman thinking about home, there are two lonesome people thinking about him. Does he know that? He can't read between the lines

of the letter—especially if there is no letter to read at all. It's up to you—sister, brother, sweetheart, and parent, to write to your serviceman.

All the news that seems nothing at all or merely old gossip will sound new and interesting to him. Remember! he hasn't seen you in weeks, months, or possibly years. He'd enjoy hearing about the games his Alma Mater has played, or what happened at the town meeting, or what the old crowd (what's left of it) is doing these days. He is miles away from you. He may be hating the Japs and Germans with all he's got; but he's loving you and all the things this country stands for, and all the pleasant memories of home. You can let him know what he is fighting for by using the greatest three-cent joy, the stamp that will bring home back to him on a piece of paper.

Edward Machno '45

Canoeing in Hadley

Hadley and the surrounding towns offer exceptional opportunities to the person who enjoys the sport of canoeing. In a canoe one can explore almost every cove and shallow of a pond. Hadley's Lake Warner and Lake Louise, the Old Mill Pond, are beautiful at all times of year, and especially in the fall when their shores are fringed with gorgeous autumn foliage. In my estimation there is no pleasanter way to spend a fine October afternoon than duck-hunting from a canoe in a quiet cove on the Old Mill Pond.

The Connecticut River has limitless possibilities for canoeing fans to enjoy. On this wide, beautiful river one may paddle for miles. If he chooses a warm summer day for his canoe trip, he will probably stop for an occasional swim off some of the smooth, sandy beaches or a dive from an overhanging bank. Perhaps he will even take time to locate a future camping site on one of the islands. Anyone who prefers canoeing on a narrow, quiet stream, will enjoy following Fort River as it winds its way through pasture and meadow land.

One's troubles seem to vanish completely while he glides over the shimmering surface of Hadley's lakes and rivers. We who live in this gem spot of the Connecticut Valley are fortunate indeed if we can take advantage of the ideal conditions for canoeing that Mother Nature has provided for us.

Leonard Horton '46

My Debt to America

Tomorrow was to be theme day in senior English. Jim had chosen the subject, "My Debt to America." He had been thinking about it all the week, but it seemed as if he just couldn't find the right words to express his ideas. Ever since the treacherous attack upon Pearl Harbor last December, Jim had been thinking more seriously than he ever had before about how wonderful it was to live in America. It came to him now that until a short time ago he and his classmates had led a comparatively carefree existence. Freedom, happiness and all the high ideals for which America stands had been taken for granted. They had thought of freedom as a blessing which had been won once and for all by the men who signed the Declaration of Independence and fought with General Washington in the Revolutionary War.

The realization that America's freedom could actually be threatened had come as a shock to everyone. Yet it seemed to Jim that the tragic event at Pearl Harbor and its consequences had aroused America from a smug slumber of false security. He noticed that

people were forgetting petty differences and were working together with a new spirit of patriotism. All these thoughts came flooding into Jim's mind as he began to write—"What do I owe to America? I owe her the assurance that she may trust me, that she may count on my patriotism and my loyal service . . ."

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Four years have passed, and Jim is in an emergency hospital on an island "somewhere in the South Pacific." Slowly and with great effort he is writing his first letter home in many weeks. "I hope you haven't worried about me," he writes. "You see mail service is slow at times, and then just lately I've had to take a little time out. A Jap shell hit my leg and laid me up for a while, but I'll be all right soon. How the medics ever dragged me out of that nightmare of mortar fire and smoke, I can't imagine, but when I woke up, I found that I was in a clean bed in this hospital, and an American doctor with a soft Southern accent was talking to me.

"There's one thing I want to tell you, though, because it seemed so strange that I should think of it again. The last thing I remember after my leg was hit, was something that happened in my senior year in high school. I wrote a theme on 'My Debt to America'. Well, I seemed to be working on that theme again. As I was reading it over, I kept thinking how immature and childish it sounded, yet I couldn't find words to express it any better. Words seem so inadequate to express what I really feel. But I hope my country knows that I have tried to pay my debt to her in service instead of merely by words.

"The doctor tells me that I shall be able to return home in a few weeks in top condition except for the loss of my right leg. Yet if I had lost my life, there would have been no regrets, for it would have been for a cause in which I so firmly believe—for what would life be without America?"

Marion Kokoski '45

The News-Reel Makes It Real

The other day I saw a news-reel showing an American soldier walking warily along a street in a German town. A gun was in his hands ready for instant use. There was smoke in the air, and the occasional chatter of a machine gun broke the silence. As the American rounded a corner, he saw a German slumped on the steps of a building. The American hesitated but a second and then passed on. In my mind I put myself in his place. The hair began to rise on my head. What if the German was only playing possum! What if he rose up all of a sudden and threw a hand grenade! My back began to have a strange prickly feeling. I passed the German, wishing I had eyes in the back of my head, but not daring to turn around because I needed my eyes in front to see any new dangers.

That news-reel brought home to me that war to individuals isn't thousands of men and machines fighting on a large scale. To an individual, war is just the small area around him, always wondering when the bullet with his name on it is coming. He kills or is killed. He digs fox-holes, not because someone tells him to, but because shrapnel is flying all around. He's frightened and everything seems unreal. Fox-holes knee deep with water, vermin, stench of dead and dying flesh, bursting shells, blinding fire, screaming bombs—all this day after day. Sometimes he hopes that the bullet with his name on it will come quickly. He thinks of this when someone asks him what war is like. He shivers and changes the subject because he knows he can't make someone who hasn't been in the war, understand the terror of it.

Janet Smith '45



High School Favorites

HANGOUT	Eddie's
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TYPE OF GIRL	An intelligent smoothie
TYPE OF BOY	An athlete
AMUSEMENT	Motion pictures

Can You Imagine?

Ed Kelley without a word to say?
 Dorothy Bemben as a timid soul?
 Carl Blajda misbehaving?
 Eileen Thompson without a smile?
 Florence Gansis with her hair uncombed?
 David Callahan with a bad disposition?
 Leonard Horton with wavy hair?
 Frank Kieras "the perfect gentleman?"
 John Bak when not making some wise remark?
 Florence Dizenski not having a new romance often?
 Jean Russell being calm and quiet?
 Louise Cowles as a jitterbug?
 Chet Comins rushing to classes?
 Stanley Lesko coming to school on time?
 Dick Moczulewski being the very serious type?
 Alice Underwood being loud and noisy?
 Betty Evans difficult to get along with?
 Marion Kokoski being very unsophisticated?
 Phil Yezierski disinterested in athletics?

What Our Perfect High School Boy Would Be Like If He Had

Phil Yeziarski's athletic ability.
Bill Pelissier's black wavy hair.
Carl Blajda's silence.
Fred Kucharski's Navy ways.
Chet Comins' cars.
Roger Cromack's brains.
Ed Machno's jokes.
Joe Niedbala's ways of attracting "Mabels."
Dick Moczulewski's night life.
Stanley's Baj's constant laughter.

What Our Perfect High School Girl Would Be Like If She Had

Jennie Salle's beautiful sleek black hair.
Helen Logan's mathematical ability
Statia Mazur's athletic ability.
Virginia Woscyna's driving license.
Patty Veiner's ability to play a piano.
Marie Taylor's beautiful dimples.
Alice Lizek's big brown eyes.
Marion Kokoski's neatness.
Helen Baj's dancing feet.
Alice Underwood's studiousness.
Gladys Mish's domestic ability.
Helen Zack's ready smile.
Janet Smith's sweet shyness.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Noted for</i>	<i>Usually Found</i>	<i>Just Another</i>
Roger Cromack	Horseback riding	In Plainville	Gary Cooper
Helen Baj	Dancing	"Waiting"	Betty Hutton
Marion Kokoski	Sophistication	Visiting North Hadley	Bette Davis
Bill Pelissier	His Ford	At the poolroom	Lon McCallister
Helen Logan	Her voice	At home	Deanna Durbin
Patty Veiner	Her musical talent	At the piano	Diana Lyn
Phil Yezierski	Sports	With girls	Sonny Tufts
Helen Zack	(mail) Acquaintance	At theaters	Joyce Reynolds
Marie Taylor	Sunny disposition	In Northampton	Jeanne Crain
Stanley Baj	His clothes	Not found	Bob Hutton
Alice Underwood	Skiing	On Elmwood St.	Ski Queen
Statia Mazur	Laughing	Just laughing	Marie Wilson
Chet Comins	Variety of cars	With Jean	Turhan Bey
Alice Lizek	Bookkeeping	Studying	Joan Carroll
Virginia Woscyna	Letter writing	Out on a date	Jane Withers
Dick Moczulewski	Many jobs	Need we say, where?	Van Johnson
Janet Smith	French	In Room E	Jane Powell
Gladys Mish	Artistic ability	With "Peanuts" and Marion	Louella Parsons
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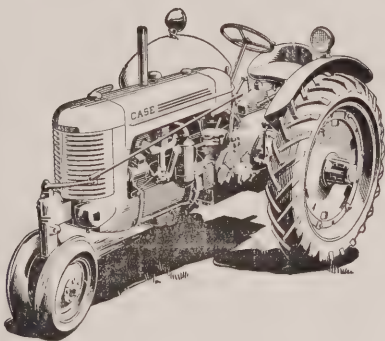
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